Lady Warrior SOFTBALL

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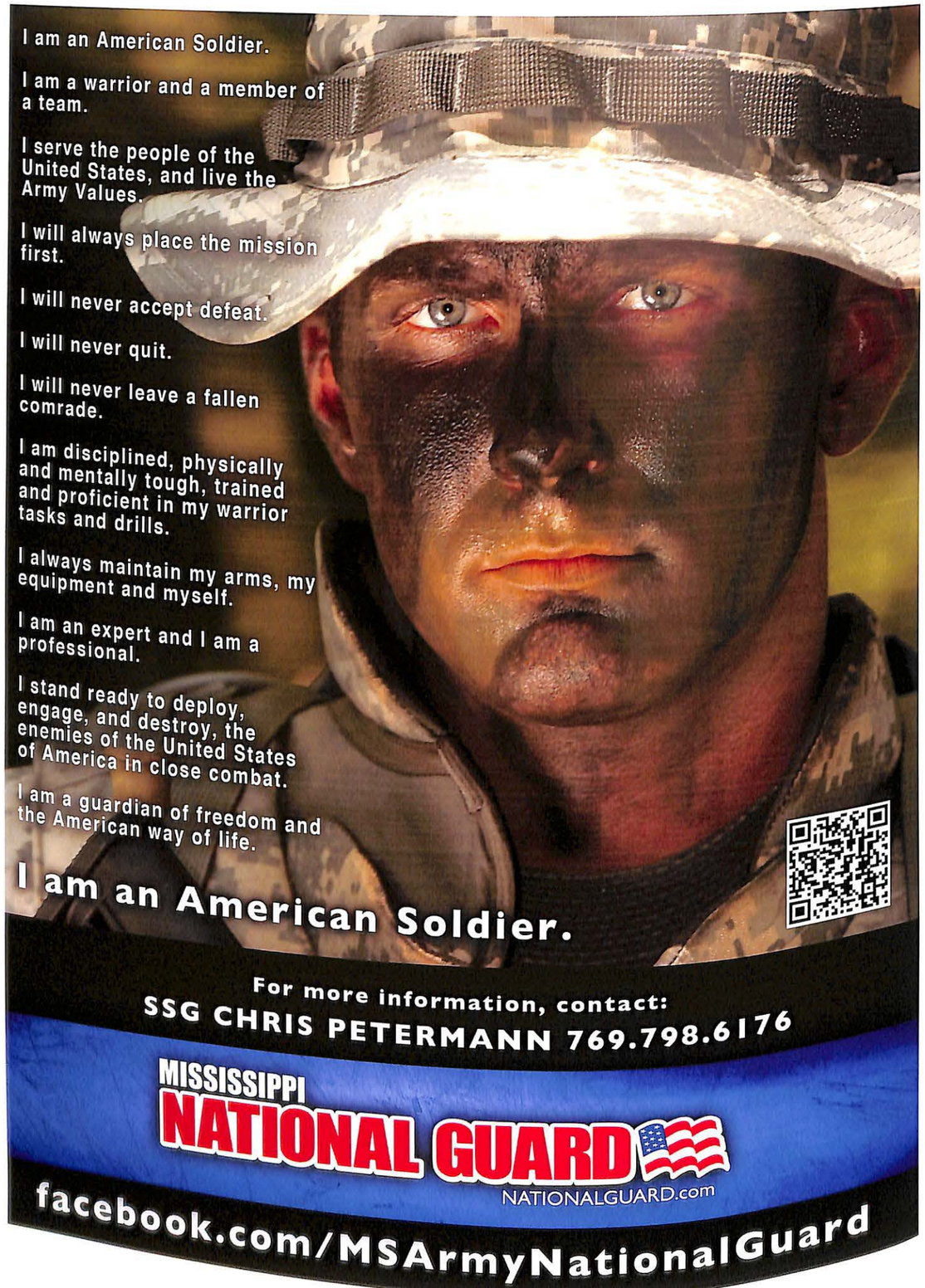
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College President
Dr. Billy W. Stewart

Stephanie, Billy, Emily, Will, Elizabeth and Stephen Stewart

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, the administration, faculty and staff, let me welcome you to East Central Community College (ECCC)—home of the Warriors!! We deeply appreciate your interest in ECCC athletics and are pleased you have chosen to join us for today's sporting event.

During this 2012-2013 campaign, we anticipate great success for our student-athletes in the classroom and on the field of competition. I am confident in the ability of each of our student-athletes to represent ECCC both academically and athletically in a way that will make us proud to wear the black and gold. This year, through the leadership of our Athletic Director, Mr. Chris Harris, and all of our coaches, our teams are committed to doing things the "EC Way" – Excellence with Class.

Again, we thank our loyal Warrior fans for your support of our athletic department. Whether that support is expressed through joining the Warrior Club, attending athletic contests, vocalizing your support of ECCC in your local community, or contributing in other meaningful ways, we sincerely appreciate you!!

ECCC has a long and rich history of academic and athletic excellence and we look forward with anticipation as this year's teams carry on that tradition. I'll see you at the game as we cheer on the Warriors!!

Billy W. Stewart, Ph.D.
President

Athletic Director
Chris Harris

Dear Warrior fans and supporters of ECCC:

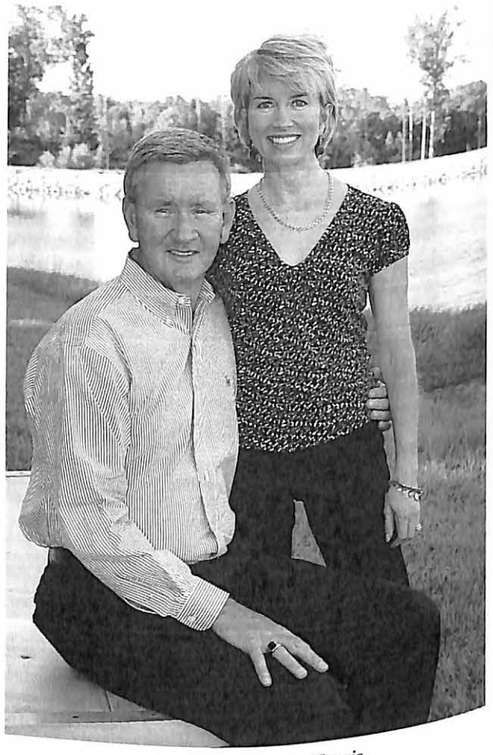
As we begin our Warrior Athletic campaign for 2012-13, we are encouraged and excited about the recruits commited to our institution. As you may know, our recruiting efforts now include the entire state. With that said, please understand that this does not lessen our commitment to and pursuit of quality student athletes in our previous five-county recruiting areas. These are still very inportant to us as an institution.

Our College is commited to offering the best opportunity for success, both in the classroom and on the field of competition. Along with this commitment is a wealth of support from our Board of Trustees, Administration, Faculty, Staff and Coaches. Our expectations are clear for the type of success that is expected from our athletic programs. We are not a "win at any cost" institution. Contrary to this, we expect our coaches and players to display good sportsmanship, honesty, and a competitive nature in their representation of this institution.

Not only do we expect our teams to be competitive, but included in those expectations is a strong desire for our student athletes to leave ECCC with a diploma, on time. This is demonstrated through numerous NJCAA Academic All-Americans produced at East Central Community College through the years. In addition, ECCC athletic teams have been recognized nationally on numerous occasions for receiving top honors for both team and individual successes.

My personal thanks to our East Central coaches for their efforts in making this a reality for our student athletes and this institution. Thanks for being here and enjoy the game, for "it's a great day to be a Warrior!"

Chris Harris
Athletic Director



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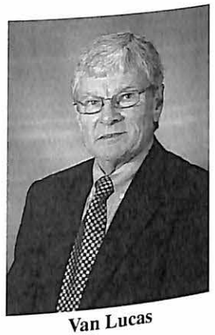

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Chaney Ready to Lead ECCC Softball Program

After serving four years as an assistant for a championship program and following a playing career as an NJCAA All-American, Kristin Chaney is well-prepared to serve as head coach of East Central Community College's fast-pitch softball team.

The Little Rock native said she has wanted a career in athletics since she was a young athlete, and being a head coach is a "dream come true."

"I am excited about being the head coach here at East Central," Chaney said. "It has always been a goal of mine to become a head coach and the challenge is now here.

"Athletics is something that has always been part of my life since I was born; whether I was at the ball field watching my brothers or playing myself. I guess it was in my blood; my dad was a coach and now both my brothers are coaches. I just love sports and watching sports."

Chaney said the best part about being head coach "is being able to lead a great group of young ladies that have worked hard day in and day out."

Chaney takes over a program led since 2003 by Scott Hill who amassed an overall 308-123-1 record. Hill and Chaney took the program to new heights by capturing a first-ever Region 23 Tournament title in 2010 followed by a first MACJC State Championship in 2011.

She was also part of a winning program as a player, as she helped lead the 2004 and 2005 Lady Warrior softball squads to MACJC Central Division titles en route to overall records of 26-14 and 34-5, respectively. She also garnered NJCAA All-American, All-Region 23, and MACJC All-State and All-Division honors in the process.

Despite the success she achieved as a player and coach, Chaney does not feel any added pressure to succeed as head coach.

"Yes, the pressure is there to succeed and win championships, but it is not because I won as a player and assistant coach," Chaney remarked. "The pressure is there because that is what I put on myself. I want to be the best in everything that I do. The championships that I have won in the past as a player and assistant coach are special in their own way, but to win one as a head coach would be really special for me and for the group of young ladies that worked hard to earn that championship."

Although she stopped short of predicting a championship for the 2013 Lady Warriors, Chaney said she is "excited" about this year's squad, especially following a successful fall campaign.

"We went 5-0 in the fall but most importantly I saw us get better from game one to game five," said Chaney. "We started practice one working on fundamentals and I feel like when week six practice was over, we were not taking baby steps anymore… we were doing what we needed to do and getting our best reps in. Fall was a good evaluation helping me know who needs to be put in certain situations and the adjustments that we need to make during the game. Fall competition was not only for the team but it was for me also being a first-year head coach, as I got to learn some game management that I will use in the spring."

"This team has worked hard day in and day out," she said. "They have bought in to my philosophy and what I expect every day. I have told them we might not have the most talented team but nobody will out work us, and ultimately our hard work will catch up with the other team's talent. We have a lot of depth that we have not had in past years and the players know that the starting roles are wide open and that they have to bring their best every day to get that starting role or keep that starting role."

Their work ethic and attitude is what Chaney likes best about her first group of Lady Warriors.

"I am most impressed with how hard this team works and the unselfishness of each player," she said. "This team is a very close-knit group that is like a band of sisters working day in and day out to accomplish one goal, and that is to win a championship."

She said her team's major strengths include depth - as previously mentioned- and speed.

"You can't coach speed and I think we have a lot of overall speed that we will be able to do a lot of things with. Our speed is not only going to help us offensively but defensively as well. We are making plays defensively that we would not be able to do without speed and instincts."

And what type team can fans expect this season?

"Our fans should expect a team that is scrappy and plays hard game in and game out," she said. "We will be very aggressive and take chances, but at the same time play the game the way it should be played. We will use 'small ball' when needed and use our speed to make things happen."

Sophomore team members and their respective high schools include pitchers Mary Sanders of Adams Christian Academy and Tenna Patterson of Lexington (Ala.); infielders LaJoya Griffin of Philadelphia and Dakota Vowell of Neshoba Central; and outfielders Marlee Massey and AJ Peeler, both of Neshoba Central

Freshmen players and their respective high schools include infielder/pitcher Amber McBroom, Brandon; infielders Kaylin Hopkins of Louisville, Lindsey Beard of Clarkdale, Malauri Robinson of Enterprise, Ty Buckley of Neshoba Central and Hayley Stevens of Union; utility player Laken Fulcher of Nanih Waiya; and outfielders Casey Cherry of Union, Kristen Chipley of Leake Academy and Morgan Porter of Enterprise.

Student assistants include Jordan Clearman, Eden McGee and Katherine Upchurch, all of Neshoba Central, and Sam Evans of Union.

Serving her first year as assistant coach is Courtney Nunn, a former standout pitcher at East Mississippi Community College in Scooba and Mississippi College.

Nunn's responsibilities include working with pitchers and outfielders. She will also call pitches during the game and make in-game adjustments when needed.

Chaney said Nunn's experience and knowledge is a big asset to the Lady Warrior program.

"Coach Nunn's pitching knowledge has helped me tremendously," Chaney said. "When I was hired, I wanted to find someone to take over pitching and run with it. I feel like she has done a good job of communicating with these young ladies and helping them understand me and what it takes to get to the next level. I am pleased to have her and know she will do a great job and preparing our pitchers for opening day and throughout the season."

Chaney said she is also appreciative of the various improvements made to the softball complex.

"I am pleased with facility improvements; however, I feel like we have a lot more that we need to do for recruiting, especially since the state has opened up. But I love our field and its location…and we plan to do more improvements when possible. We have done some fundraising this year and plan to keep doing them to help us with our various projects, which includes a dressing room for our young ladies."

Head coach
Kristin Chaney

Kristin Chaney of Little Rock begins her first season as head coach of the Lady Warrior Fast-Pitch softball team.

Chaney takes over a program led since 2003 by Scott Hill who amassed an overall 308-123-1 record. Hill and Chaney took the program to new heights by capturing a first-ever Region 23 Tournament title in 2010 followed by a first MACJC State Championship in 2011.

Chaney is a 2005 honor graduate of ECCC, where she earned NJCAA All-American honors in softball and basketball. She helped lead the 2004 and 2005 fast-pitch softball teams to MACJC Central Division championships en route to records of 26-14 and 34-5, respectively. She received All-Region 23, MACJC All-State and MACJC All-Division honors for both seasons.

Chaney continued her athletic career at the University of Southern Mississippi, where she received bachelor and master's degrees in sports administration. She was also a standout member of the Lady Eagle basketball team, receiving most valuable player honors following the 2005-06 and 2006-07 seasons. She was also a two-year member of the Lady Eagle softball team.

Assistant coach
Courtney Nunn

Courtney Nunn of Jonesboro, La., is serving her first season as assistant fast-pitch softball coach.

Prior to joing the ECCC staff, Nunn assisted with recreational projects for the Jackson Parish Recreation Department in Jonesboro, La. She also has experience as an umpire for softball and baseball games on several levels. In addition, she has provided pitching instruction to young softball players in her hometown. Most recently, she served a a volunteer pitching coach for a softball clinic hosted by East Mississippi Community College in Scooba.

Nunn is a former softball standout as a pitcher on the high school, community college and four-year college levels.

At Jonesboro-Hodge High School, she received first team All-State honors in 2007 and 2008 and earned first-team All-District selection in 2004, 2006, 2007 and 2008. She was named second team All-District in 2005. She was recognized as the LHSAA All-North Strikeout Leader in 2008. She helped lead Jonesboro-Hodge to the state semi-finals in 2006.

Nunn continued her career at East Mississippi, where in 2010 she received All-Region and MACJC All-State honors as a pitcher and was named MACJC All-North Division Defensive Player of the Year. She also earned MACJC All-State Honors in 2009. She received an Associate of Arts degree in May 2010.

At Mississippi College, Nunn was named ASC Conference Pitcher of the Year and received first team All-Conference honors in 2012. She helped lead the Lady Choctaws to the ASC Conference and NCAA Regionals in 2011. In addition, she received "Pitcher of the Week" honors on three occasions during the 2011 and 2012 seasons. She earned a bachelor's degree in kinesiology in May 2012.

2013 Lady Diamond Warriors

NO	NAME	POS	CL	HOMETOWN/HIGH SCHOOL
2	Mary Sanders	P	S	Vidalia, LA/Adams County Christian
3	Amber McBroom	IF/P	F	Brandon/Brandon
5	Casey Cherry	OF	F	Union/Union
6	LaJoya Griffin	IF	S	Philadelphia/Philadelphia
7	Kaylin Hopkins	IF	F	Louisville/Louisville
10	Dakota Vowell	IF	S	Philadelphia/Neshoba Central
11	Kristen Chipley	OF	F	Carthage/Leake Academy
13	Laken Fulcher	UT	F	Louisville/Nanih Waiya
15	Marlee Massey	OF	S	Philadelphia/Neshoba Central
17	Lindsey Beard	IN	F	Clarkdale/Clarkdale
19	Morgan Porter	OF	F	Enterprise/Enterprise
21	Malauri Robinson	IF	F	Enterprise/Enterprise
22	Tenna Patterson	P	S	Lexington, AL/Lexington
23	Ty Buckley	IF	F	Philadelphia/Neshoba Central
24	Hayley Stephens	IF	F	Union/Union
27	A.J. Peeler	OF	S	Philadelphia/Neshoba Central

Managers: Jordan Clearman, Eden McGee, Katherine Upchurch and Sam Evans

2013 Warrior Softball Schedule

February

5	Baton Rouge	3 p.m.	Decatur
8-9	LB Wallace Tourney		TBA
14	Meridian	1 p.m.	Meridian
19	Marion Military	1 p.m.	Marion, AL
22-23	Northeast Tourney		TBA
26	Marion Military	1 p.m.	Decatur
28	Baton Rouge	3 p.m.	Baton Rouge, LA

March

4	Holmes	3 p.m.	Decatur
9	Co-Lin	1 p.m.	Wesson
13	Hinds	3 p.m.	Decatur
16	MS Gulf Coast	Noon	Perkinston
23	Southwest	1 p.m.	Decatur
26	Jones	4 p.m.	Ellisville
29	East MS	3 p.m.	Decatur

April

3	Pearl River	3 p.m.	Decatur
6	Co-Lin	1 p.m.	Decatur
9	Hinds	2 p.m.	Raymond
13	MS Gulf Coast	1 p.m.	Decatur
20	Southwest	1 p.m.	Summit
23	Jones	3 p.m.	Decatur
27	Pearl River	Noon	Poplarville

May

2-4	MACJC State Tournament
9-11	Region Tournament
15-18	National Tournament

2013 Warrior Softball Team

Lindsey Beard

Freshman • Shortstop

Clarkdale High School
High School Honors:
All-Division, All-State,
Offensive Player of the Year

Parents: Day and Gerry Rutherford and John Beard

Ty Buckley

Freshman • 1st Baseman

Neshoba Central High School
High School Honors:
Best Offense, Best Defense,
MVP, All-District

Parent: Virginia Jenkins

Casey Cherry

Freshman • Outfielder

Union High School
High School Honors:
All-District

Parents: Benny and Pattie Cherry

Kristen Chipley

Freshman • Outfielder

Leake Academy
High School Honors:
All-District, All-Star

Parents: Wade and Felicia Chipley

Jordan Clearman

Sophomore • Manager.

Neshoba Central High School

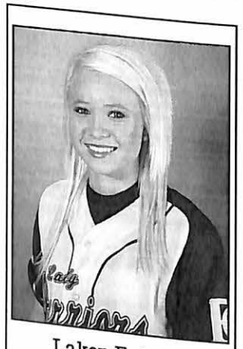
Parents: Max and Paula Clearman

Sam Evans

Freshman • Manager

Union High School

Parents: Sam Evans and Jenny Vandevender



Laken Fulcher

Freshman • Infielder/
Outfielder

Nanih Waiya High School
High School Honors:
All-District,
Lady Warrior Award

Parents: Todd and Brenda Fulcher

LaJoya Griffin

Sophomore • Infielder

Philadelphia High School
High School Honors:
Best Offense, Best Defense,
Slow-Pitch MVP

Parents: Ken and Juliet Griffin

2013 Warrior Softball Team

Kaylin Hopkins

Freshman • Infielder

Louisville High School
High School Honors:
All-State, Best Defense, MVP

Parent: Teresa and Farris Hopkins

Marlee Massey

Sophomore • Outfielder

Neshoba Central High School
High School Honors:
All-District, Hustle Award

Parents: Wade Massey and Nichole Jones

Amber McBroom

Freshman • Shortstop/
Pitcher

Brandon High School
High School Honors:
All-State, All-Star

Parents: Ken and Christie McBroom

Eden McGee

Sophomore • Manager

Neshoba Central High School

Parents: Rhonda and Keith McGee

Tenna Patterson

Sophomore • Pitcher

Lexington (AL) High School
High School Honors:
All-State, All-Region, All-Area,
Pitcher of the Year
EC Honors:
MVP, Pitcher of the Year,
All-State, All-Region

Parents: Knoffery and Melissa Patterson

A.J. Peeler

Sophomore • Outfielder

Neshoba Central High School
High School Honors:
All-District, MVP, Defense
Award
EC Honors
Best Offense

Parent: Stacey Peeler

Morgan Porter

Freshman • Outfielder

Enterprise High School
High School Honors:
All-District, All-State

Parents: Joanie and David Stearns

Malauri Robinson

Freshman • Infielder/Catcher

Enterprise High School
High School Honors:
All-District

Parents: Randy and Laurie Robinson

2013 Warrior Softball Team

Mary Sanders

Sophomore • Pitcher

Adams County Christian School (Vidalia, LA)
High School Honors:
All-District, All-Metro, Best Defense, Rebel Pride Award
EC Honors:
Most Improved

Parents: Mike and Chris Sanders

Hayley Stephens

Freshman • 3rd Baseman/ Catcher

Union High School
High School Honors:
All-District, Offensive Award, 2A Defensive Player of the Year

Parents: Richard and Heather Stephens and Bethany and Gary Dolan

Katherine Upchurch

Sophomore • Manager

Neshoba Central High School

Parents: Tamara Johnson and Reggie Upchurch

Dakota Vowell

Sophomore • Infielder

Neshoba Central High School
High School Honors:
All-State, All-District, MVP

Parents: Robert and Shelly Vowell

2012 Softball Team Award Winners

These members of the 2011-12 East Central Community College fast-pitch softball team received honors at the Spring Sports Banquet held May 1. Seated from left are Kelsi Watson, a product of Smithville High School, most valuable defensive player and scholar athlete; Haelie Allen of Leake Academy, Lady Warrior Award; and Lajoya Griffin of Philadelphia, base runner award. Standing from left are A.J. Peeler of Neshoba Central, most valuable offensive player; Mary Sanders of Adams Christian Academy in Natchez, most improved; Tenna Patterson of Lexington (Ala.) High School, most valuable player and most valuable pitcher; Brittany Pounders of Southeast Lauderdale, top slugger; and Haylee Roberts of Enterprise, team captain award. The Lady Diamond Warriors advanced to first-round action of the MACJC State Softball Tournament en route to a 31-15 record.

Lady Warrior Softball Awards

First Team All-State Softball Players

2012 Tenna Patterson, Lexington, AL*
Haelie Allen, Lena
2011 Summer Alexander, Newton County#
Kasie Buckley, Newton County*
Taylor Bailey, Bowie (Texas)*
2010 Taylor Bailey, Bowie (Texas)*
Kasie Buckley, Newton County*
Hannah Lee, Leake Academy*
Hailey Chisolm, Neshoba Central #
Paige Holsen, Union#
2009 Brittany Cochran, Newton County
Leah Dennis, Neshoba Central
2008 Shenique Brass
Sondreia Hillie
Whitnee White
2007 Sondreia Hillie, Neshoba Central
Shenique Brass, Philadelphia
Whitnee White, Philadelphia
2006 Loren Kennedy, Union*
Shenique Brass, Philadelphia*
Sondreia Hillie, Neshoba Central
2005 Kristin Chaney, Newton County*
Marley Smith, Newton County*
2004 Krissi Harris, Newton County
Kristin Chaney, Newton County*
Marley Smith, Newton County*
2003 Faith Whitfield, Louisville
2002 Sommer Averett, Union*
Emily Casey, Union*
2001 Sommer Averett, Union
2000 Amanda Harris, Hickory
1999 Ragan Mitchell, Nanih Waiya*
1998 Wendy Mapp, Newton County*
Ragan Mitchell, Nanih Waiya*
1997 Olivia McDaniel, Neshoba Central*
Kim Migliore, New Orleans, La#
Sandra Lampkin, Decatur
1995 LaTisha Vance, Little Rock*
Chasity Bounds, Newton#
1994 Becky Luke, Newton County
Melissa Loper, Newton County
Eugenia Joe, Newton County*
LaTisha Vance, Little Rock*
1993 Kim Reel, Nanih Waiya
(*Also Made All-Region)
(#All-Region Only)

NJCAA Academic All-Americans

2012 Haylee Roberts, Enterprise
Kelsi Watson, Smithville
2011 Summer Alexander, Newton County
Kasie Buckley, Newton County
Sarah Breland, Philadelphia,
Abbie Joiner, Philadelphia
Lauren Nicholas, Philadelphia
Chelsea Jones, Enterprise
2010 Hannah Lee, Philadelphia
Brittney Cochran, Hickory
2009 Genny Freeman, Laurel
Calli Cumberland, Decatur
Emily Thrash, Sebastopol
Amber Smith, Union
Megan Munn, Decatur
Codee Russell, Madden
2008 Whitnee White, Philadelphia
2007 Loren Kennedy, Union
Amanda Schmidt, Carthage
2006 Lindsey Walker, Little Rock
Abby Miller, Moorhead
Joy Cavenaugh, Chunky
2005 Kristin Chaney, Little Rock
Marley Smith, Union
2004 Krissi Harris, Decatur
2002 Emily Casey, Union
Sommer Averett, Union
2001 Ashley Jones, Forest
2000 Lacey Johnson, Carthage
1999 Ragan Mitchell, Nanih Waiya
Ginger Moore, Noxapater
1997 Amy Moore, Noxapater
1995 Becky Luke, Newton County
1994 Kim Reel, Nanih Waiya
1993 Stacey Smith, Newton County

Homer F. Hunter Award for Athletic Managers

2010 Hailey Moody, Preston
2009 Hailey Moody-Preston
2008 Queena Gage, Forest
Bryan Davis, Newton
2007 Matt Fondren, West Point
Justin Hurdle, Forest
2006 Josh Crowson, Louisville
Chris Ryals, DeKalb
2005 Justin Copeland, Philadelphia
Daniel Wood, Bay Springs
2004 Corey Burt, Neshoba Central
2003 Charlene Foreman, Newton County
Tim Morgan, Lake
2002 Damon Hudson, Philadlephia
Ben Wilbanks, Leake Academy
2001 Michael Thompson, Prentiss Christian
2000 Jesse Vanetten, Scott Central
1999 No Recipient
1998 Christopher Haralson, Scott Central
1997 John M. Donovan, Enterprise

Walter Arno Vincet Award for Academic Excellence

2010 Hanna Lee, Leake Academy
2008 Whitnee White, Philadelphia
2007 Loren Kennedy, Union
2006 Lindsay Walker, Little Rock
2005 Marley Smith, Union
Kristin Chaney, Little Rock
2001 Ashley Jones, Forest
1994 Ginger Moore, Noxapater
1993 Stacey Smith, Newton County

NJCAA 1st Team All-Americans

2010-11 Taylor Bailey, Bowie (Texas)
2009-10 Kasie Buckley, Newton County
2004-05 Kristin Chaney, Newton County
1997-98 Wendy Mapp, Newto County
1996-97 Olivia McDaniel, Neshoba Central

NJCAA 2nd Team All-Americans

2003-04 Kristin Chaney, Newton County

NJCAA Honorable Mention All-Americans

2007-08 Shenique Brass, Philadelphia

Warrior Softball Championships

2010-11 MACJC State Champions
2009-10 Region 23 Champions
2006-07 MACJC Central Division Champs
2005-06 MACJC Central Division Champs
2004-05 MACJC Central Division Champs
1993-94 Division Champs

Mississippi Association of Coaches Hall of Fame

Herman Robinson, Hickory
Richard Harris, Hickory
A.J. Kilpatrick, Philadelphia
Tom Burt, Philadelphia
Clyde Muse, Sebastopol

Lady Warrior Softball Coaches

1992-2003 Mike Anderson
2003-2012 Scott Hill
2013- Kristin Chaney

2012 ECCC Softball Players Honored

East Central Community College fast-pitch softball players Tenna Patterson and Haelie Allen received honors following the Lady Diamond Warriors' successful 2012 campaign.

Patterson was named All-Region 23 and both players were selected to the MACJC All-State squad.

Patterson, a freshman hurler from Lexington, Ala., went 16-9 on the mound and posted a 2.68 earned run average. She fanned 117 batters. Patterson also received the Lady Diamond Warriors' most valuable player and most valuable pitcher awards. She is a product of Lexington (Ala.) High School.

Tenna Patterson

Haelie Allen

Allen, a sophomore infielder from Lena, led the team in batting with a .421 average. She collected 51 singles and was credited with 24 RBIs. She also received the team's Lady Warrior Award. Allen is a product of Leake Academy.

The Lady Diamond Warriors finished third in the MACJC South Division with a 15-9 record and advanced to the MACJC State Softball Tournament held at Itawamba Community College in Fulton. EC dropped a 4-3 decision to Northwest Mississippi Community College in first-round action and completed season action at 31-15 record under head coach Scott Hill and assistant Kristin Chaney.

ECCC Teams, Players Recognized for Academic Excellence

Six athletic teams at East Central Community College have been recognized for academic excellence by the National Junior College Athletic Association and 11 student-athletes qualified as NJCAA Academic All-Americans for 2011-12.

"We are very proud of our student-athletes and coaches for this outstanding achievement," said ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin prior to his retirement. "EC stands for academic quality and to have that demonstrated in our athletic program is confirmation of that success."

At the top of the list is the Lady Warrior soccer squad, which received academic team of the year honors by posting a 3.48 grade point average.

It's the third time in the program's brief history that the Kenneth Thompson-coached squad has received the prestigious honor.

Thompson expressed appreciation to team members for their accomplishment and sent a campus-wide email thanking faculty members for their dedication in helping student-athletes succeed in the classroom.

"A special thanks to all the instructors who work with my athletes in the classroom," Thompson wrote. "Thank you for working with these young ladies as they move to accomplish long-term goals for the future. Even though these girls are very focused on their responsibilities, you are just as big a part of this award for what you do in the academic classroom with your students. Kudos to you as this is a reflection on your hard work as well. I will continue to strive to push each of my athletes, both male and female, to reach for higher and higher goals, but I will need your help to keep pushing them in the classroom as well. Again, thank you for what you do for our students as we strive to make East Central soccer the best it can be."

The Lady Soccer Warriors also received NJCAA Academic Team of the Year honors in 2005 and 2009. In the 2010, the squad finished second by 0.02 points. The squad has never finished lower than sixth in the nation since the program's inception in 2005.

Several soccer players were also recognized as NJCAA Academic All-Americans. Recognized for Superior Academic Achievement were Nikki Cumberland and Wendy McCracken Burns, both products of Newton County High School. Miguel Medrano, a member of the Warrior soccer team, was recognized for Exemplary Academic Achievement. Medrano is a product of East Ascension High School in Gonzales, La.

The Warrior baseball team finished second in the national academic competition with a 3.37 grade point average. Team member Evan Humphries of Louisville was recognized for Exemplary Academic Achievement.

The Diamond Warriors are led by head coach Neal Holliman.

The Warrior tennis team placed third nationally with a 3.50 grade point average. Kyle Watson and Dianne O'Neill serve as co-head coaches.

Women's softball posted a 3.49 grade point average and placed seventh in the nation. Several players also received individual honors. Kelsi Watson of Smithville High School and Kaetlen Brown of Edgewood Academy (Ala.) were recognized for Superior Academic Achievement. Receiving Exemplary Academic Achievement recognition were Haelie Allen of Leake Academy, Haylee Roberts of Enterprise; Emily Lucy of Newton County High School; and Eden McGee of Neshoba Central. Scott Hill served as head coach.

The Lady Warrior tennis team finished 10th with a 3.40 grade point average. Kyle Watson and Dianne O'Neill serve as co-head coaches.

EC's golf team placed 25th nationally with a 3.03 grade point average. Chris Clark serves as head coach.

Former Warrior football player Tate Rogers of Louisville received Superior Academic Achievement honors. Brian Anderson serves as head coach.

According a news release from the NJCAA Headquarters in Colorado Springs, Colo., more than 450 teams qualified for academic team accolades. Nearly 60,000 student-athletes competed in the NJCAA for the 2011-12 academic year on more than 3,500 teams in 28 different sports.

The 2011-12 season marks the 29th year the NJCAA has recognized the success of its student-athletes in the classroom. With minimal changes, the NJCAA academic awards program has been in place since 1983.

ECCC Softball 2003-2012

Head Coach Scott Hill
2003-2012
(268-108-1)

2003-04 **26-15**
MACJC Central Division Runners-Up
MACJC/Region 23 Tournament

2004-05 **34-5**
MACJC Central Division Champions
MACJC/Region 23 Tournament

2005-06 **41-9**
MACJC Central Division Champions
MACJC/Region 23 Tournament

2006-07 **29-22**
MACJC Central Division Champions
MACJC/Region 23 Tournament

2007-08 **26-18**
MACJC/Region 23 Tournament

2008-09 **19-22**
MACJC Tournament

2009-10 **47-11-1**
MACJC Tournament Runners-Up
Region 23 Tournament Champions
NJCAA Division II Softball Championship
(Finished Fourth)
(Hill Selected Region 23 Softball Coach of the Year)

2010-11 **37-15**
MACJC Tournament Champions
(Hill Selected MACJC Softball Coach of the Year)
Region 23 Tournament Runners-Up
NJCAA Division II Softball Championship
(Finished Fifth)

2011-12 **31-15**
MACJC Tournament

ECCC Athletic Hall of Fame

2012: Granville Freeman and Tom McCullough
2011: Kenneth Dunagin and James "Jimmy" Fisackerly
2010: Chris Harris and Howard Carlton McMillin
2009: Wanda Blackwell McPhail and Donald Acton
2008: A.J. Kilpatrick and Jamie Clark
2007: Joy Eichelberger Hannah, Clyde Muse and Gaines Massey
2006: Melvin Carpenter and Wilmer James
2005: Bob Tom Johnson and Lucy Young
2004: Marcus Mann and Ken Pouncey
2003: Roy Baker, Imogene Johnson Borganelli, Rex Keeton and Mark Killens
2002: Freddie J. Bagley, James E. "Jim" Nabers, and Robert L. Thomas
2001: Charles Payne, Sammy Pace, and Willie "Tenny" Coats
2000: Billy Ray Dill, Sue Gunter and Jimmy Rea
1999: Charles E. Ward, Daisy Kate Williams Chaney and Sam Rutigliano
1998: Van Chancellor, Deborah Norwood Duncan and Howard Sessums
1997: Tommy Williamson Alfonso, Lester Baucum, and James L. "Creeper" Nelson
1996: M.E. "Boe" Davis, Malcolm Phillips, Julie Latham and John W. Golden
1995: Clayton Blount, Nan Huston Keenan and James T. "Jim" Wood
1994: Charlie Hope, Charlene Jones Bates and Malcolm "Puddin" Jones
1993: Louis V. Watwood, Barbara Jo Davidson Russell and Esther Thomas Coleman
1992: Joe Clark, Evelyn Bender and Dr. Bert Thompson
1991: Diana Lyons Jones, Larry Henderson and Wayne Tullos
1990: Richard Harris, Jeff Loper and Sherrell Ray Marshall
1989: Lamar Blount, Earl Marshall and Arno Vincent
1988: Howard Sessums
1987: Billy Wayne Baucum
1986: Lucille Wood
1985: Denver Brackeen

Athletic Hall of Fame Nominations
Those wishing to make nominations for the East Central Community College Athletic Hall of Fame should contact Stacey Hollingsworth in the Office of Foundation and Alumni Relations at 601-635-6327. The e-mail address is sholling@eccc.edu. Nominations are accepted through July 1 each year.

MACJC Sports Hall of Fame

2012	Richard Harris
2011	Dr. Clyde Muse
2010	Van Chancellor
2009	Joe Clark
2008	Earl Marshall
	Lamar Blount
2007	Lucille Wood
	Denver Brackeen
	Arno Vincent

Copiah-Lincoln Community College

NO	NAME	POS	YR	HIGH SCHOOL/ HOMETOWN
1	Josie Porter	IN/C	S	Bogue Chitto/Bogue Chitto
3	Missy Romero	P	F	Canyon Lakes/Canyon Lakes, TX
4	Meghan Johnson	P	F	Copiah Academy/Utica
5	Kayla Craft	IF	F	Live Oak/Denham Springs, LA
7	Jaylee Fernandez	OF	F	Floresville/Floresville, TX
8	Chynna Coghlan	P	S	Enterprise/Bogue Chitto
10	Karla Beth Hux	C	S	Enterprise/Bogue Chitto
11	Kaitlan Melton	UT	S	Adams County Christian/Natchez
12	Lacy Duplantis	UT	S	Cleveland/Cleveland
13	Bradi Davis	IF	S	Bogue Chitto/Bogue Chitto
14	Makenzie Rials	P	F	Wesson/Wesson
18	Brooke Gonzales	P	F	Live Oak/Denham Springs, LA
19	Kaitlin Moak	OF	S	Enterprise/Wesson
21	Shelby Mitchell	IF/C	S	Lawrence County/Monticello
23	Beth Fortenberry	OF	F	Natchez Cathedral/Natchez
24	Kacie Berry	OF	F	Copiah Academy/Hazlehurst
33	Hannah Roberts	C	F	Amite School Center/Summit

Head Coach: Allen Kent

Hinds Community College

NO	NAME	POS	YR	HIGH SCHOOL/ HOMETOWN
1	Cassandra Brown	P/OF	S	Brandon/Brandon
2	Staci Johnson	C/OF	F	Live Oak/Watson, LA
3	Katelyn Hegwood	IF	S	Taylorsville/Taylorsville
4	Marlen Vasquez	IF	F	Sumrall/Sumrall
5	Megan Goss	IF/OF	F	Pelahatchie/Pelahatchie
7	Shanteria Bryant	OF	S	Forest Hill/Jackson
11	Claire Richardson	OF	F	Maurepas/Maurepas, LA
12	Cerah Byrd	IF/P	F	Live Oak/Watson, LA
13	Katie Foster	P	F	Terry/Terry
15	Raven Fisher	OF	F	Zachary/Zachary, LA
17	Megan Eaves	P	S	Brandon/Brandon
18	Chasity Hearn	IF	F	Warren Central/Vicksburg
20	Selma Griffith	OF	S	Picayune/Picayune
22	Katty Neely	OF/P	F	Puckett/Brandon
24	Sabra Barnett	IF	S	West Harrison/Gulfport
25	Jasmine Howard	IF	F	Pearl/Pearl
26	Haley Irvin	IF	F	Clinton/Clinton
27	Elizabeth Heigle	C	S	Sharkey Issaquena Academy/Rolling Fork

Head Coach: Mike Grzanich

Jones County Junior College

NO	NAME	POS	YR	HIGH SCHOOL/ HOMETOWN
1	Angela Land	UT	S	Vancleave/Vancelave
2	Dana Arender	P	F	Raleigh/Raleigh
3	Kalyn McNabb	C	F	Columbia/Columbia
4	Relanda McFarland	OF	S	Calvary Christian/Shubuta
6	C.C. Lawn	OF	F	West Lauderdale/Meridian
7	Brittney McBrain	OF	S	Madison Central/Madison
10	Keni May	IF	F	Taylorsville/Taylorsville
11	Karley Crosby	IF	S	Seminary/Seminary
12	Samantha Buller	P	F	Iowa/Iowa, LA
16	Makenzie Hawkins	IF	F	Nettleton/Nettleton
17	Bethany Volking	IF	S	Enterprise/Enterprise
18	Alex Barrett	IF	F	Lake Cormorant/Horn Lake
19	Andi Barrett	IF	F	Lake Cormorant/Horn Lake
20	Brooke David	C	S	Barbe/Lake Charles, LA
21	Reagan Gavin	OF	F	South Jones/Ellisville
22	Rebecca Dunn	IF	S	Seminary/Seminary
24	Mari-Ashton Lovelace	IF	F	Madison Central/Madison
27	Michele Hester	P	S	Nettleton/Nettleton

Head Coach: Chris Robinson

Meridian Community College

NO	NAME	POS	YR	HIGH SCHOOL
0	Jessica Bryan	U	F	Louisville
2	Casey Bolton	OF	F	Russellville
11	Khadijah Henson	OF/SS	F	Pascagoula
12	Kenya Harris	SS/OF	F	Ridgeland
13	Jessica Edwards	OF/C	S	Vancleave
15	Devin Batson	3B/C	S	Vancleave
16	Kimberly Smith	U	F	Leake Central
20	Jade Osborne	C/P	S	West Harrison
21	Maranda Agee	2B/SS	S	Bay Springs
22	Katlin Polk	P/OF	F	West Lauderdale
25	Jerlisa Brown	1B	F	Philadelphia
34	Jasmine Cherry	P/3B	F	Pascagoula
35	Shumond Hughes	OF	S	Bay Springs

Head Coach: Faith Robinson

Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College

NO	NAME	POS	YR	HIGH SCHOOL
1	Jamie Desporte	2B	F	St. Martin
2	Ashley Hickman	SS	F	St. Martin
3	Sarah Dodd	1B	F	Picayune
4	Shalaria Pickens	OF	F	Wayne County
5	Paige Breal	P	F	St. Martin
6	Brooke Gaston	C/OF	F	Olive Branch
7	Catherine Campbell	OF	F	East Central
8	Shakontinal Bender	OF	F	Taylorsville
9	Emily Davis	P/1B	F	Newton County
10	Brianna Farr	OF	F	Pontotoc
11	Olivia Ladnier	P	S	Hernando
12	Hallie Frenn	P	F	Saltillo
14	Julie Butler	C	S	Stone
15	Lea Kittrell	3B	S	George County
16	Danielle Craft	C/3B	F	D'Iberville
18	Bria Jackson	OF	F	Stone
19	Taylor Norris	C	F	Grenada
20	Reina Baluja	P/1B	S	Jefferson
21	Caitlin Bazzone	1B	F	East Central
22	Morgan Fairley	OF	F	George County

Head Coach: Kenneth Long

Northwest Mississippi Community College

NO	NAME	POS	YR	HOMETOWN/HIGH SCHOOL
00	Casey Baddley	P/IF	S	Nesbit/DeSoto Central
2	Vicki Johnson	OF	S	Sardis/North Delta
3	Carlie Jenkins	UT	F	Rockwall,TX/Rockwall
4	Malea Dillon	IF	S	Memphis, TN/Volunteer State CC
5	Katelyn Westbrook	OF	F	Olive Branch/DeSoto Central
9	Roxanna Kimes	P/IF	F	Atoka, TN/Tipton-Rosemark Academy
10	Lauren Riley	OF	S	Hernando/Lake Cormorant
11	Tori Turnipseed	IF	F	Greenville/Washington Academy
13	Emily Hatcher	P/IF	S	Cleveland/Cleveland
14	Laci Dubravec	IF.C	F	Sardis/North Delta School
15	Rachel Kelly	IF	S	Olive Branch/Christian Brothers
16	Chelsey Gilliam	IF	F	Potts Camp/Marshall Academy
20	Haley Vance	IF	F	Water Valley/Water Valley
21	Lindsey Shaw	P/IF	F	Senatobia/Senatobia
22	Anna Barham	IF	S	Independence/Independence
23	Natalie Smock	C	S	Southaven/DeSoto Central
30	Deleina Alvarez	C	F	Coldwater/Lewisburg

Head Coach: Mike Rowan

Pearl River Community College

NO	NAME	POS	YR	HOMETOWN/HIGH SCHOOL
1	Neely McCrary	P	S	Petal/Petal
2	Allie Flint	OF	F	Madison/Madison Central
3	Courtney Warr	P/IF	F	Mobile, AL/Theodore
4	Emily Jackson	IF	F	Mobile, AL/Theodore
5	Whitney Waits	OF	S	Hattiesburg/Oak Grove
7	Brittany LeBlanc	P	S	Maurice, LA/North Vermillion
9	Heather Boutwell	IF	F	Purvis/Oak Grove
10	Hillary Dickens	IF	S	Picayune/Picayune
11	Kaci Lantrip	IF	F	Byrum/Terry
12	Miranda Fazende	C	F	Poplarville/Poplarville
14	Rachel Breland	IF	F	Poplarville/Poplarville
15	Shannon Brown	OF	S	Petal/Petal
17	Chelsea Page	IF	F	Petal/Petal
18	Becky Mitchell	IF	F	Cariere/Pearl River Central
21	Kelsea Lewis	C	F	Hattiesburg/Oak Grove
22	Dache Passman	IF	F	Angie, LA/Bowling Green
23	Megan Scronce	OF	F	Petal/Petal
25	Ashton Rogers	P/IF	F	Poplarville/Poplarville
28	Micah Davis	OF	F	Poplarville/Poplarville
31	Laken Singleton	P	F	Waynesboro/Wayne County

Head Coach: Leigh White

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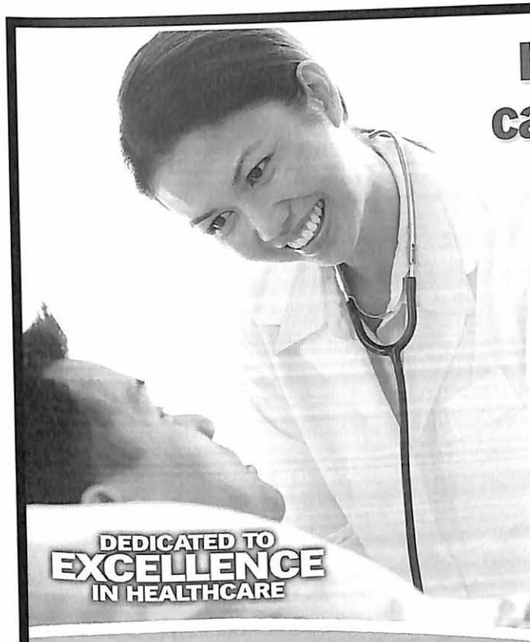

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